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ROADWATCH: Week of June 26 – July 2

The following is a list of highway projects that may affect traffic in the 12-county Salem Transportation District during the next week. Work schedules are always subject to change. New information is noted by "###". VDOT encourages motorists to call 511 or visit www.511Virginia.org for real-time traffic information.

INTERSTATE 81

*** I-81 PAVEMENT REPAIRS AND GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for repairs and paving on a section of southbound I-81 between mile marker 151 and 156 in Botetourt County. Work will be performed during night time hours between 9 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Right shoulder closures may occur during daytime hours, Monday through Friday, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for guardrail work. Estimated completion is October 2010.

* INTERSTATE 81 MOWING – Crews will be mowing along northbound and southbound I-81 in Botetourt County. Watch for shoulder closures and possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

ROANOKE COUNTY

* REMOVE ROUTE 220 PAVEMENT PATCHING – Work is completed.

*** ROUTE 220 SHOULDER CLOSURE** – Work along Route 220 near the Route 679 (Buck Mountain Road) intersection will cause a shoulder closure.

*** ROUTE 311 SHOULDER WORK** – Weather permitting, work to repair shoulders may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 311 between Route 419 and Route 912 (Absolam Smith Road). Work may be performed on weekdays between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

*** COLONIAL AVENUE IMPROVEMENTS** – Work is under way to improve the 0.5-mile section of Colonial Avenue starting just west Route 687 (Penn Forest Boulevard) and extending to Route 419. Periodic lane closures may be in place at times in the work zone. Estimated completion is August 2010. A portion of Route 720 (Colonial Avenue) is closed to through traffic between the entrance to North Cross School and Route 1991 (Colonial Place Drive) in southwest Roanoke County. Signs are in place advising motorists of the detour.

* REMOVE ROUTE 612 BRIDGE REPAIRS – This work will be rescheduled.

*** MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Roanoke County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures.

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BEDFORD COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 PAVING** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place for paving on a 4.2 mile-section of eastbound Route 460 from Route 690 (Nester Road) to Route 681 (Magnolia Drive) and on a 0.3-mile section of westbound Route 460 starting east of the Route 689 (Irving Road) intersection. Work will be performed during daytime hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in July.

* **ROUTE 221 GUARDRAIL UPGRADES** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place on a section of Route 221 from Ambassador Drive to the Lynchburg City Limits for guardrail upgrades. Work will be performed between 7 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights. Estimated completion is in July.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Bedford County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 221 bridge over Big Otter Creek located about 0.1 mile from Route 670
- Route 24 bridge over Goose Creek near the Route 807 intersection

* **MOWING** – Weather permitting, crews may mow or cut brush along secondary roads throughout in Bedford County. Watch for signs and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours in the Boonesboro, Hardy and New London areas.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may direct traffic on these routes during daylight hours on weekdays due to pavement patching.

- Route 24
- Route 644 (Fancy Farm Road)
- Route 671 (Centreville Road)
- Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)
- Route 759 (Jeters Mill Road)

* **ROUTE 644 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Work is under way to replace the bridge on Route 644 over Elk Creek. Work will include removing the existing one lane bridge and replacing it with a two lane bridge at a new location. Motorists should watch for temporary lane closures and flaggers at various times. Estimated completion is July 2011.

* **ROUTE 806 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – Weather permitting, the Route 806 (Rucker Road) bridge over Stony Fork is closed and is being replaced. Route 806 is closed to through traffic between its intersections with Route 801 (Stony Fork Road) and Route 793 (Watson Road). Motorists should seek alternate routes around the closure.

* **ROUTE 682 PAVING** – Motorists should watch for signs and flaggers along Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road). Lane closures may be in place due to paving during daylight hours on weekdays.

* **BRUSH CUTTING** – Weather permitting, crews may cut brush along various routes in Bedford County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 460
- Route 621 (Cottontown Road)
- Route 649 (Jackson Road)
- Route 660 (Hawkins Mill Road)
- Route 680 (Patterson Mill Road)
- Route 682 (Kelso Mill Road)

* **SURFACE TREATMENT** – Crews will be applying surface treatment along various secondary roads throughout Bedford County. Flaggers may control traffic at times.

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* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures in the Irving, Smith Mountain Lake and Big Island areas during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

BOTETOURT COUNTY

* **ROUTE 220 GUARDRAIL WORK** – Weather permitting, lane closures may be in place at various locations on northbound and southbound Route 220 between Fincastle and Iron Gate. Work will be performed during daylight hours beginning at 7 a.m., Monday through Friday. Estimated completion is in August.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is completed on the bridge over Looney Creek.

* **ROUTE 11 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch the Route 11 bridge over the James River. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for lane closures.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 622 RAILROAD CROSSING WORK** – Work is completed.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Botetourt County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in the Eagle Rock, Buchanan, and Troutville areas.

CARROLL COUNTY

* **INTERSTATE 77 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Work is underway to rehabilitate a pair of I-77 bridges over Little Reed Island Creek at mile marker 13.7. Between mile marker 13 and 14, two lanes of northbound and southbound I-77 traffic are shifted to travel in the right lane and on the paved right shoulder. The left lane and left shoulder of northbound and southbound I-77 are closed. The speed limit on northbound and southbound I-77 is reduced to 55 mph in this work zone.

* **ROUTE 58 HILLSVILLE BYPASS CONSTRUCTION** – Drivers should be aware of the following due to the Route 58 Hillsville Bypass construction:

- Drivers on Route 58, Route 52, Route 703 (Gardner's Mill Road) and Route 780 (Howlett Street) can expect periodic lane closures with flaggers directing traffic between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on weekdays.
- The speed limit on Route 52 is reduced to 25 mph starting 0.1 mile south of Archa Street (Route 1007) in Hillsville and extending to 0.5 mile north of the Hillsville town limits in Carroll County.
- The speed limit on Route 58 starting 0.7 mile west of Gardner's Mill Road is reduced to 35 mph. The speed limit on Route 58 (Danville Pike) west of Hillsville between Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and Route 670 (Snake Creek Road) is reduced to 45 mph.
- The speed limit on Route 58 on the east end of the project is reduced to 35 mph from just west of Route 699 (Spring Hollow Road) to Route 666 (Merrimack Road). Drivers should expect possible delays.
- A new traffic pattern is in place on the eastern end of the Hillsville Bypass project. Traffic on the two-lane section of Route 58 is shifted onto a newly constructed 1,100-foot stretch of two-lane roadway.

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- A new traffic pattern is in place on Route 58 starting 0.3 mile east of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road) and extending to 0.1 mile east of Route 820 (Freemont Road). The westbound lane of Route 58 between the west town limits of Hillsville and Route 808 (Expansion Drive). Traffic is now traveling on the newly constructed eastbound lanes. Traffic will remain shifted until fall.
- *A traffic change is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 30, but it could be adjusted depending on weather. Traffic will be shifted off of the existing two-lane section of Route 58 that starts about 0.1 mile west of Route 820 (Freemont Road) extends to 0.3 mile west of Route 669 (Spring Hollow Road). Once shifted, Route 58 traffic will remain in a two-lane configuration on a 0.7-mile section of newly constructed roadway. In addition, Route 669's intersection with Route 58 will be relocated just west of its current location. Message boards will be in place on Route 58 to advise motorists of the upcoming traffic change that will affect the eastern end of the bypass project.*

* **REMOVE I-77 GUARDRAIL REPAIRS** – No work is scheduled this week.

* **REMOVE ROUTE 723 PIPE REPLACEMENT** – Work is completed.

* **REMOVE PAVEMENT PATCHING** – No work is scheduled this week.

* **BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Carroll County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

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| • Route 685 bridge over Interstate 77 | • Route 607 bridge over Chestnut Creek |
| • Route 705 bridge over Interstate 77 | located 1.5 miles from Route 793. |
| • Route 740 bridge over Interstate 77 | • Route 608 bridge over I-77 located 1.6 miles |
| • Route 753 bridge over Big Reed Creek | from Route 52 |
| • Route 769 bridge over Little Reed Creek | • Route 662 bridge over Burke Creek located |
| • Route 606 bridge over the New River located | 1.2 miles from Route 624 |
| near Route 721 | |

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Carroll County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 606 bridge over the New River located about 0.3 mile from Route 721
- Route 607 bridge over Chestnut Creek located about 1.5 miles from Route 793
- Route 608 bridge over Interstate 77 located 1.6 miles from Route 52
- Route 662 bridge over Burke Creek located 1.2 miles from Route 652

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Carroll County due to mowing.

CRAIG COUNTY

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Craig County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Craig County due to mowing.

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FLOYD COUNTY

* BRIDGE CLEANING – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Floyd County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

- Route 615 bridge over the Little River located 0.6 mile from Route 699
- Route 617 bridge over the Little River located at the Montgomery/Floyd County line
- Route 622 bridge over Greasy Creek located 1.1 mile from Route 619
- Route 639 bridge over Little River located 0.80 mile from Route 651

* ROUTE 787 BRIDGE PATCHING – Work is underway to patch the Route 787 over Big Indian Creek. The bridge is located near the Route 740 intersection. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic.

* PAVEMENT PATCHING – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 717 (Kristi Road)
- Route 720 (Fairview Church Road)
- Route 799 (Connor Grove Road)

* BRUSH CUTTING – Weather permitting, crews may cut brush along various routes in Floyd County. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 648 (Jacks Mill Road)
- Route 651 (Stuart Road)
- Route 661 (Booth Creek Road)

* UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 605/724 (Old Furnace Road)
- Route 613 (Berry Creek Road)
- Route 614 (Lovell Road)
- Route 637 (Thomas Farm Road)
- Route 644 (Pine Forest Road)
- Route 645 (Twin Falls Road)
- Route 655 (Macks Road)
- Route 655 (Pulaski Road)
- Route 659 (Griffith Creek Road)
- Route 684 (Dobbins Farm Road)
- Route 703 (Autumn Drive)
- Route 865 (Sugar Run Road)

*** ROUTE 631 (DITCH WORK)** – Work on ditches along Route 631 (Sawmill Hill Road) may cause lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers.

*** PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along Route 738 (Eater Creek Road) and Route 739 (Reed Hill Road). Expect possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

FRANKLIN COUNTY

*** ROUTE 122 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is underway to patch several bridges in Franklin County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and on Friday 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers directing traffic on Route 122 bridge near Route 1231.

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* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned on Route 613 (Naff Road), Route 655 (Webster Road) and Route 839 (Powells Store Road).

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Franklin County due to mowing. Work may cause daytime shoulder and possible lane closures in Burnt Chimney and Callaway areas. Work also is tentatively planned Route 658 (Listening Hill Road) and Route 946 (Novelty Road).

* **DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 618 (Muddy Fork Road and Route 619 (Sontag Road). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **PIPE WORK** – Flaggers may control traffic due to work on pipes along Route 1613 (Primrose Road). Expect possible lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays.

GILES COUNTY

* **ROUTE 460 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Weather permitting, traffic on eastbound Route 460 near the West Virginia state line is reduced to one lane due to work to repair the bridge over the New River.

* **ROUTE 460 SHOULDER WORK** – Work along Route 460 to remove debris near Narrows will cause shoulder closures and possible lane closures on weekdays during daylight hours. Drivers should watch for signs.

* **ROUTE 100 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Crews will be performing deck patching on the bridge over Walker Creek on Route 100 near its intersection with Route 697. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 a.m. and on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers.

* **ROUTE 635 BRIDGE REPAIRS** – Crews have begun repairs on the bridge over Stoney Creek. The bridge is located about 0.5 mile north of the Kimbleton Lime Plant. Crews will be working Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane across the bridge and controlled by signals. Estimated completion is July 2010.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively planned on Route 663 (Sugar Run Road), Route 671 (Blankenship Mountain Road) and Route 724 (Old Wolf Creek Road).

HENRY COUNTY

* **REMOVE ROUTE 174 TURN LANE INSTALLATION** – Work is completed.

* **ROUTE 666 BRIDGE WORK** -- A section of Route 666 (Trenthill Drive) in Henry County is closed to through traffic, so the bridge over the Smith River can be repaired. Trenthill Drive will be closed between its intersections with Route 722 (Lucky Hill Road) and Route 740 (Rosemont Road). Detour signs are in place directing traffic to use Route 674 around the closure. Work is anticipated to be completed, and the road reopened to traffic by Friday, Aug. 6.

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* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Henry County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 606 bridge over Towne Creek located about 0.7 mile from Route 604
- Route 609 bridge over the Smith River located about 0.3 mile from Route 682
- Route 620 bridge over the Route 58 Bypass located about 1.6 miles from Route 650
- Route 674 bridge over Towne Creek located about 0.1 mile from Route 603
- Route 752 bridge over Route 58 located about 0.4 mile from Route 781
- Route 220 bridge over the Norfolk and Southern railroad located about a mile from Ridgeway

* **ROUTE 701 BRIDGE REPLACEMENT** – The Route 701 (Field Avenue) bridge over the Smith River is closed to traffic. The old, iron bridge is located in Fieldale between Route 57 and Route 682 (River Road). The bridge is closed, so it can be demolished and replaced. Traffic is being detoured between Route 701 and Route 57 onto Route 682 and Route 609. To improve traffic flow and reduce congestion, the traffic pattern on the detour route at the intersection of Route 609 (South Daniels Creek Road) and Route 682 has been changed. Traffic on Route 609 is no longer required to stop at its intersection with Route 682. Instead, new stop signs have been installed requiring Route 682 traffic to stop at this intersection. This week, flagging operations will be utilized on Route 57 adjacent to the old bridge on either side of the railroad tracks. Estimated completion is November 2010.

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING**– Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pothole patching on various secondary roads throughout Henry County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Henry County due to mowing.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY

* **ROUTE 114 SEEDING** – Watch for lane closures on the newly constructed portion of Route 114 during daylight hours due to work to seed shoulders.

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Montgomery County. Crews may be working Monday through Friday 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. or Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 636 bridge over I-81 located about 0.2 mile from Route 820
- The ramp connecting to Christiansburg Bypass located near the railroad crossing on Route 460 Business
- The ramp connecting the Christiansburg Bypass from Main Street to Transportation Drive
- Route 11 bridge over the South Fork of the Roanoke River near the Route 633 intersection

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on various secondary roads. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 603 (Den Hill Road)
- Route 603 (North Fork Road)
- Route 620 (Blue Springs Road)
- Route 735 (Riverside Drive)
- Route 785 (Luster's Gate Road)
- Route 787 (Dry Valley Road)
- Route 1237 (Cherry Lane)

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* **ROUTE 685 DITCHING** – Weather permitting, work on ditches may cause shoulder and lane closures on Route 685 (Prices Fork Road). Work may be performed on weekdays during daylight hours.

* **UNPAVED ROAD MAINTENANCE**– Crews will be working on several secondary non-hard surface roads grading and replacing stone with periodic lane closures during daylight hours on weekdays. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays. Work is tentatively scheduled on the following roads:

- Route 600 (Piney Woods Road)
- Route 606 (Sidney Church Road)
- Route 660 (Crab Creek Road)
- Route 724 (Gate Road)
- Route 747 (Pepper Run Road)
- Route 749 (McPherson Road)
- Route 769 (Great Valley Road)
- Route 814 (Lily Road)
- Route 825 (Big Falls Road)
- Route 827 (Bobcat Lane)

PATRICK COUNTY

* **ROUTE 8 CONNECTOR / RYE COVE STREET CLOSURE** – As part of the Route 8 connector construction, a section of Rye Cove Street will be reconfigured and will no longer be a through road. Rye Cove Street (T-1006) between Buena Vista Avenue and Rucker Street in Stuart is permanently closed to through traffic.

* **BRIDGE CLEANING** – Work has begun to clean various bridges in Patrick County. Crews will be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Traffic will be reduced to one lane at times, and flaggers will control traffic on the following structures:

- Route 618 over the Smith River located 0.8 mile from Route 708
- Route 623 over the Smith River located at Patrick/Franklin County line
- Route 631 over Poorhouse Creek located 0.8 mile from Route 787
- Route 645 over the Dan River located 1.3 mile from Route 666
- Route 648 over the Dan River located about two miles from Route 631
- Route 653 over the South Mayo River located near Route 654
- Route 700 over the Mayo River located 1.2 mile from Route 631
- Route 704 over the Smith River located 1.2 mile from Route 782

* **BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch several bridges in Patrick County. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, 6 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Friday, 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for flaggers controlling traffic on these structures:

- Route 618 bridge over the Smith River located about 0.8 mile from Route 708
- Route 623 bridge over the Smith River located at the Franklin County line
- Route 631 bridge over Poorhouse Creek located about 0.8 mile from Route 787
- Route 645 bridge over the Dan River located about 1.3 miles from Route 666
- Route 648 bridge over the Dan River located about two miles from Route 631
- Route 653 bridge over the South Mayo River located near Route 654
- Route 700 bridge over the Mayo River located about 1.2 miles from Route 631
- Route 704 bridge over the Smith River located about 1.2 miles from Route 782

* **PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Flaggers may be controlling traffic during daylight hours due to pavement patching on various secondary roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should expect possible short-term delays.

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* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Patrick County due to mowing.

* **SURFACE TREATMENT** – Crews will be applying surface treatment along various roads throughout Patrick County. Drivers should watch for workers along the road. Flaggers may control traffic at times. Watch for signs and use caution.

PULASKI COUNTY

* **ROUTE 640 BRIDGE PATCHING** – Work is under way to patch the Route 640 bridge over Peak Creek. Crews may be working Monday through Thursday, between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. and on Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. Watch for lane closures and flaggers.

* **ROUTE 669 PAVEMENT PATCHING** – Weather permitting, crews may patch pavement on Route 669 (Cecil's Chapel Road). Watch for flaggers controlling traffic during daylight hours on weekdays. Expect possible delays.

* **MOWING** – Motorists should watch for workers along secondary roads throughout Pulaski County due to mowing.

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